Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Why not admit that?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* We do admit.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Therefore, Government are satisfied even without an enquiry that there is a higher expenditure incurred in the case of Government institutions.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is it not a fact that in aided schools teachers are not paid full pay?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the pay, etc., given in our Government College, in comparison with the other Government Colleges in the Presidency, are in our favour or against?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* This calls for an explanation. What I say is that this answer does not mean that Government have not made an enquiry. At every stage in the growth of the College, Government have exercised strictest economy. They are satisfied that they have not provided anything which the University does not consider the minimum.

TRANSFER OF SHROFFING WORK TO CENTRAL BANK

Mr. President : Questions Nos. 264 to 275 relate to the Central Bank of India and all information is given. Supplementary questions may be asked and answers given for all these together.

264. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there is any idea to entrust any Bank to carry on the work of the Cochin Treasury?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes; the shroffing work of the Cochin-Kanayannur and Trichur Treasuries has been entrusted to the Central Bank of India, Ltd.

265. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it a fact that the Treasury work at Ernakulam is to be entrusted to the Central Bank, Ltd.;

(*b*) if so, what are the terms and conditions on which the work is to be entrusted to the said Bank and the reasons for such an arrangement now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Please see answer to question No. 264.

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(*b*) The main conditions are given below.—

(*i*) Government will give to the Bank interest-free current deposit equivalent to the average Treasury balance. The average has been fixed at Rs. 3 lakhs for the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury and Rs. 2½ lakhs for the Trichur Treasury.

(*ii*) Government will pay to the Bank a cash contribution of approximately the present staff charges of the shroffing section of the two Treasuries. The figure for the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury has been fixed at Rs. 200 per mensem and that for the Trichur Treasury at Rs. 150 per mensem.

(*iii*) Government will give free of charge accommodation, furniture, books and forms and also guards. The Bank will be permitted to conduct its ordinary banking business in the same premises.

(*iv*) The management of the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury will, for the present, be for a period of 5 years from 1st February 1941. The Bank is to take up the management of the Trichur Treasury not later than 1st February 1942 and the management will be for the then unexpired period of the agreement for five years from 1st February 1941.

(*v*) The Comptroller of Finance and Accounts or such officer as Government may depute will get the necessary facilities to inspect the books, etc., maintained in connection with the Treasury work done by the Bank, and all references from Government or their officers about transactions in relation to Treasury work will be replied to and such other return or information as may be called for by Government or their officers will be supplied by the Bank.

The reasons for the transfer are given below.—

(*i*) to secure greater efficiency in Treasury transactions;

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(*ii*) tc secure increased convenience to the public;

(*iii*) to secure financial advantages to Government.

266. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Treasuries at Trichur and Ernakulam are to be entrusted to the Central Bank of India;

(*b*) the terms and conditions of the entrustment or agreement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Please see answers to questions Nos. 264 and 265.

267. മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ദയവായി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

ബജാന കൈമാറത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഫൻ ൪ ൦ ഡിസംബർ ൨൫-ാംന-യിലെ "മാതൃഭൂമി"യിൽ ശ്രീമാൻ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണൻ എഴുത്തച്ഛൻ എഴുതിയ ലേഖനം ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ: ഉവ്വ്.

268. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to entrust with the Central Bank of India the work of collecting and disbursing dues to and from Government;

(*b*) the terms under which the arrangement has been come to;

(*c*) whether other well-known and reputed banking institutions have been requested to offer their terms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Please see answers to questions Nos. 264 and 265.

(*c*) No.

269. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have decided to hand over the management of the Treasuries of Ernakulam and Trichur to the Central Bank of India;

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(*b*) if so, whether Government have made any stipulation whether Cochinites be given preference in appointments for the Treasury work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Please see answer to question No. 265.

(*b*) Excepting the Agent or Agents, Cochinites will be given preference as far as possible.

270. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they intend to transfer the financial transactions of Government from the Treasury to any Bank, and if so, what is the advantage to the State;

(*b*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to a note in the issue of "The Hindu" of Tuesday, December 24, 1940, under the caption "Treasury work to be done by Bank—Cochin Government's Decision"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) Please see answers to questions Nos. 264 and 265.

(*b*) Yes.

271. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have decided to transfer the management of the State Treasuries at Ernakulam and Trichur to the Central Bank of India;

(*b*) if so, what are the terms under which the management is proposed to be entrusted to the Bank;

(*c*) were proposals called for from any other Bank in this connection;

(*d*) if so, what were the terms offered by them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Please see answers to questions Nos. 264, 265 and 268.

(*d*) Does not arise.

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272. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)* : Will Government be pleased to state the terms of the agreement with the Central Bank of India by which they are to be entrusted with the control of the Treasury at Ernakulam ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : Please see answer to question No. 265.

273. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)* : Will Government be pleased to state the number of persons who will lose their jobs on account of the transfer of the Treasury to the control of the Central Bank of India, and also the period of service of such individuals ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: None.

274. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government kindly state whether the Central Bank of India, Ltd., are paying any rent to Government for the use of Government buildings ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : No rent is paid by the Central Bank of India, Ltd., for the use of Government buildings.

275. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Central Bank of India, Ltd., are contributing anything for the guard stationed near the Treasury Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* : No contribution is paid by the Central Bank of India, Ltd., for the guard.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, whether any shroffs have lost their jobs on account of the entrustment of the Treasury work to the Central Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Nobody.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Have they not been taken to other Departments?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, how many persons were sent from the Treasury ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Three shroffs from the Ernakulam Treasury and two from the Trichur Treasury. They were taken to other departments.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, why Government thought it necessary that furniture, books, and forms should be supplied free to the Central Bank on account of their undertaking the Treasury work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This was not an isolated term. There is a series of terms which form the agreement. Reading all these things together Government thought that this is fair.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether any case has been made out to the Government that if this term was not incorporated in the agreement, the Central Bank would not have taken up the Treasury work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It is a hypothetical question which the Government cannot answer.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I am asking whether the Central Bank insisted upon this being made one of the fundamental articles of the agreement with the Bank ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was discussion on the terms of agreement and as a result of that discussion this term was incorporated in the agreement. If the question is, "if this term had not been incorporated, etc.", it is a hypothetical one.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what exactly will be the expenditure incurred by Government on account of the supply of free accommodation, furniture, books and forms ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The books and forms would not cost much. Their cost will come to say about Rs. 200 to 300. The furniture may cost about Rs. 5,000 to 6,000 including the steel almirahs, etc.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government insisted the Bank to take it up or the Bank wanted to take it up ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was joint discussion between them and the Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether all the funds of the Government have not been entrusted with the Central Bank ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes. The entire agreement is on that basis. They are given an interest-free balance and they receive the money day to day, and they also make the disbursements day to day.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I take it that if any money is lost in other Treasuries the Central Bank will be made liable to the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is a hypothetical question. It depends on very many circumstances and an off-hand answer cannot be given.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Supposing any money is lost to Government from the safe of the Central Bank, will the Central Bank.....

Mr. President : We are not responsible for it.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The Hon'ble Member for Finance is always objecting to such questions.

Mr. President : This is such a simple question which deserves no answer *(laughter.)*

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* What exactly is the reason for the Government paying for the guards stationed there in front of the Treasury ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* For one thing, guards are necessary there. We cannot dispense with the guards any way, since there are valuables kept in the Treasury.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Have you reduced the number of guards ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, what exactly will be the cash balance in the two Treasuries on the 15th of Chingam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is not a question arising out of any of these questions here.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know, whether any commission is charged by the Central Bank for collecting from the Bank Government cheques?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the nature of the efficiency sought to be secured in the Treasury transactions? It is answered in question No. 265 that reasons for the transfer are to secure greater efficiency in the Treasury transactions, etc. What is the nature of that greater efficiency? It appears to be vague.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The efficiency consists in the fact that we need not entrust such huge sums of money to comparatively low paid officers.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has not that practice been going on ever since the bringing into existence of the Treasury system?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That does not mean that improvements cannot be made at any time.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Were there defalcations which necessitated this change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No. Prevention is better than cure.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Certainly that is a good principle. But, where it involves a fundamental deviation in the administrative policy, has the Government made out a case for a fundamental change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, they have made out.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The first condition is that Government will give to the Bank interest-free Treasury balance.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Suppose the Treasury balance hereafter does not come to three lakhs in the Ernakulam Treasury and two-and-a-half lakhs in the Trichur Treasury, will the Government supply the balance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no question of supply at all. Our current account is with the Central Bank. Out of the current account, they will take 5½ lakhs interest-free; on the rest they will give their current account rate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the audit of the Treasury still goes on?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* All the accounts are kept by the Samprathis, and so it goes on.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* In answer to question No. 268, the Government has stated that they did not consult any other banking institution or invite any offers from any other banking institution. May I know, Sir, the reasons why they did not consider it necessary to consult any other banking institution of the same standard and stability?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was no need to consult other banks. When we have got our own bankers, we make terms with them. For a work like this, there is no need to ask and get competitive terms and things like that. That is not the practice anywhere.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will it not be advantageous if we ask other banking institutions also to offer their terms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Those questions do not arise. They are the bankers of the State and naturally this is only a minor arrangement with them. They are also doing so many other things. Therefore, special terms were agreed upon. There is no point in asking other bankers when we have got our own bankers.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, what exactly is the idea of the Government as regards the increased convenience to the public?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Because, the public will be served more promptly, if banks undertake this business. Transactions will be effected in a much more expeditious and business-like fashion.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what exactly is the experience after the entrustment of the work to the Central Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It is satisfactory.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Any complaint?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No. There is no complaint.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it practicable for the Government to control this system to secure convenience? What is the machinery employed by the Government to see that greater convenience is provided?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* In the very nature of things, a large bank is much more experienced and much more suitable to handle large sums of money than a few low-paid officers. On that basis it is well-recognized everywhere that if this work is entrusted to a bank, the transactions can be carried on much more easily and quickly than by a few officers selected from time to time.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Were there grievances from the public that much delay has been caused in the matter of receipt and disbursement of money from the Treasury?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It has been noticed though written complaints never used to be received. But everybody knows it.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether Government are aware that even now people will have to wait for three or four hours to get the transactions closed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Not three or four hours.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know the grades of pay of the Shroffs of the Ernakulam Treasury whose services were dispensed with?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* They were one on Rs. 40—60 and two on Rs. 25—40.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I would like to know what exactly was being paid to the shroffs just before the transfer of the Treasury work to the Central Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I don't remember exactly what amount was actually paid to each shroff at that time. The senior shroff was on Rs. 40—60 and the other two on Rs. 25—40.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* Are the Government aware of the time taken for closing each transaction ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes. I am ascertaining it now and then.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am aware that within 15 minutes I get my bills cashed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Government are aware that the pay of the three shroffs whose services were dispensed with from the Ernakulam Treasury amounted only to about Rs. 150 per mensem ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It won't be correct. These figures are worked out always on the averages. In the C. S. R. there is a provision as to how an officer's pay should be calculated for purposes like this as also for purposes of getting contributions from other departments or private persons who require their services, etc. On that basis the pay of the three people here are worked out and 20 to 22 rupees have been added to round up the figures. And thus the figures given have been arrived at.

Mr. President : You have to calculate the leave allowance, pension, etc.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the financial advantages which Government stand to derive on account of this transfer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I would refer the hon'ble member to the speech of the Hon'ble President at the time of the discussion of this subject in the last meeting. The financial advantages were very clearly explained then. It is rather difficult to give them in one or two short sentences.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, the approximate amount of additional expenditure ?

Mr. President: There is no additional expenditure. The question is wrong.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: The Finance Member said that the extra expenditure including leave allowance, pension, etc., comes to Rs. 20 to 22.....

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: When the figures were taken out, it was found that it came to about Rs. 188 and this figure was rounded to Rs. 200. The hon'ble member is not working on the averages.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Rs. 60 plus Rs. 40 plus Rs. 40 comes only to Rs. 140. It will not come to Rs. 188.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The hon'ble member is not working out on the averages.

Mr. President: The Comptroller has given a straight answer saying that the expenditure Government was incurring on the three persons was about Rs. 188 per mensem at Ernakulam, and that a round contribution of Rs. 200 was fixed. That statement must be taken by every hon'ble member as a correct statement. They are all calculations, and I don't think that the Comptroller can be responsible for that.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: The Comptroller must be responsible, and *prima facie* what he says is absurd.

Mr. President: What the hon'ble member says is absurd.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: It is an advantage to the Chair to use language which it can object to when used by a member.

Mr. President: It is not a responsible language. You can't characterise the Comptroller of Accounts and Finance as responsible for arriving at this figure. Your questions are absurd.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: I am trying to establish that my views are perfectly right, and I hope that the President will not take advantage of his position by using language which is not proper for me to use.

Mr. President: From the Chair, I rule that it is absolutely inappropriate and it should be withdrawn.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* If so, I beg to withdraw. But we ought to be given the liberty to explain our position.

Mr. President: The Comptroller says that the expenditure on the shroffs in the Ernakulam Treasury is Rs. 188, and a private member characterises this calculation as absurd.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I am prepared to withdraw. There is no reason why similar language should be used by the Hon'ble President also, taking advantage of his position. My position is that Rs. 140 is the total expenditure for all the three shroffs.

Mr. President: The hon'ble member's calculation is wrong. The hon'ble member must take the calculation of the Comptroller as correct.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I do not concede he is infallible.

Mr. President : You can't have supplementary questions on presumption and wrong facts. *(Turning to the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)* Do you say that the average expenditure on this account comes to Rs. 188?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Approximately.

Mr. President : If the hon'ble member challenges that statement, you have to produce facts and figures. If the hon'ble member is prepared to challenge, you must substantiate the same.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I do challenge. Taking Rs. 140 as the maximum that has been paid to the three shroffs and calculating one month's leave for each of the persons, the monthly expenditure can come to only Rs. 12. Then the total amount will be 140 plus 12—that is equal to 152. I am prepared even to concede that it will be 160. It can never be more than that.

Mr. President: Have you got the exact figure? It is enough if you give the exact figure. You need not give the details.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* In Ernakulam it is Rs. 179—8—0 and at Trichur it is Rs. 123—12—0.

Mr. President: That is the actual pay.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is also a peon and two gollahs. The establishment

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charges on account of the relief to the Treasury by the Central Bank taking over the work comes to Rs. 180 in Ernakulam and Rs. 123 in Trichur. The figure for Ernakulam, *viz.*, Rs. 180 was rounded to Rs. 200 and that for Trichur Rs. 123 was rounded to Rs. 150.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The peon came in between. That is the trouble. I am right.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The question was particularly with regard to the monthly expenditure and the answer was given from memory and the figure is almost correct.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are all these officers absorbed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, they have been absorbed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the public can get from the Central Bank change as they used to get previously from the Treasury? Originally the Treasury used to give change to the public. I want to know whether the same advantages are now given to the public by the Central Bank.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No complaint has come to our notice that anybody has been refused change or anything like that. For that the Bank will oblige.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I got change in pies for rupees ten.

Mr. President : What did you do with that ? *(Laughter)*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It was distributed among several people.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

(1) Postponing the dates for filing and hearing claims and objections to the preliminary electoral roll for Legislative Council Elections of 1117.

Mr. President : There is a notice of adjournment motion from Mr. A. V. Moothedan. It is as follows.—

The necessity for cancelling the gazette notification published in the Gazette dated 25th Kumbham 1116 fixing dates for filing and for hearing claims and objections to the preliminary electoral roll. This preliminary roll is fundamentally defective in that the roll contains only the names of persons who are eligible to be voters on the

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